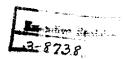
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Mr. Edwin H. Sherman, Program Director International House of Philadelphia 3905 Spruce Street Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I was pleased and flattered to receive your invitation of March 24th to take part in your friday evening lecture series. Unfortunately, however, my present position enjoins upon me a policy of turning down most invitations to speak and I must therefore regretfully decline your cordial invitation.

Sincerely yours,

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Allen W. Dulles
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